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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1309

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CSCE: MALTESE ATTENDANCE

REF: VALLETTA 1276

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MINTOFF WILL LEAVE SUNDAY FOR HELSINKI,
OVERNIGHTING IN ROME ENROUTE.

2. ACTING SECRETARY AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MAURICE
ABELA, TOLD US HE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BE IN MALTESE
DELEGATION BUT NOTED THIS COULD BE CHANGED AT LAST MINUTE.
AS DELEGATION NOW STANDS, IT WILL CONSIST OF MINTOFF,
ABELA, SALIBA AND CAMILLERI (REFTEL).

3. IF THERE IS ANY OCCASION TO APPROACH MALTESE DELEGATION
BELOW FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH
TO KNOW THAT ABELA IS AFFABLE BUREAUCRAT WHO IS SPECIALIST
IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY PARTICULAR
INFLUENCE ON MINTOFF, ALTHOUGH LATTER APPARENTLY CONSIDERS
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HIM MODERATELY USEFUL. LIKE MOST MALTESE BUREAUCRATS, HE IS TERRIFIED OF HIS BOSS . CAMILLERI IS RESERVED AND TACITURN BUT BERY CLOSE TO MINTOFF. WE BELIEVE HE RARELY ARGUES WITH MINTOFF OR TAKES POSITION ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. HE IS NORMALLY A RELIABLE TRANSMISSION BELT AND ON OCCASIONS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL, E. G., HE WAS THE ONE WHO WAS OUR AGENT FOR TURNING MALTESE POSITION AROUND TO FAVOR U. S. PROPOSAL ON DIVISION OF UN ASSESSMENTS. THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN MPT WILL KNOW SALIBA BETTER THAN WE. GETZ

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